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Group Art Unit: 2873

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In re application of : Hiroshi NOMURA et al

Application No. : 10/771, 419 ✓

Filed : February 5, 2004

For : STRUCTURE OF A ZOOM LENS BARREL

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- \_\_\_ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- \_\_\_ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- \_\_\_ A Request for Extension of Time.
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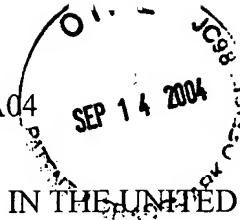
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Sir :

Pursuant to the issuance of a Notice of Allowance on July 1, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.312(a), Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment in the present application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this Amendment.